

<b>REPORT OF MEETING</b>
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**SUBJECT:** Public Information Meeting – Monroe, CT

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 4, 2013

**BRIDGE:**

<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>P.E. Project No.</u>
02627	084-106	Monroe	Route 111	Unknown brook	170-2812

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Town Hall – Monroe, CT

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Scott Schatzlein	Town Engineer – Monroe	203-452-2809
Julie Georges	A. Dicesare Associates	203-696-0444
Art Dicesare	A. Dicesare Associates	203-696-0444
Joseph Solis	A. Dicesare Associates	203-696-0444
Lou Bacho	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3212
Joseph Scalise	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3389
Derrick Ireland	Office of Rights of Way – ConnDOT	860-594-2394
Stephen DiGiovanna	Supervising Engineer – ConnDOT District 3	203-389-3144
Timothy Ryan	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Sara Bastos	BL Companies	860-249-2200
David Cicia	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Steven Fraysier	BL Companies	860-249-2200

Seven Monroe residents were in attendance.

**TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The meeting opened with a brief introduction followed by the design presentation. After the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions and comments. The following is a summary of the presentation and comments.

Bridge No. 02627 is located on Route 111, approximately 1.5 miles north of Route 25, in the Town of Monroe. Ryegate Terrace, a local road, is located approximately 200 feet south of the bridge. The existing bridge consists of a single span concrete slab with a pavement overlay supported on stone rubble masonry abutments and stone rubble masonry wingwalls.

The purpose and need for the project is to address the structural deficiencies of the bridge. The bridge is structurally deficient due to the serious condition of the superstructure and poor condition of the substructure.

The recommended rehabilitation includes replacing the existing bridge with a 68 foot wide, four sided box structure on a new alignment shifted west of the existing bridge. It is anticipated that the realignment of Route 111 will involve 1,600 feet of roadway construction. The proposed roadway approach width consists of three 12 foot travel lanes and two 8 foot shoulders.

The realignment of Route 111 will allow the proposed bridge to be constructed in two stages while maintaining two lanes of traffic on-site. Ryegate Terrace will be closed during construction stage 2 due to the reduced sight line through the construction zone and the local traffic will be detoured using local roads.

Work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2015.

A resident asked if the proposed construction work would restrict access to the elementary school driveway. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the existing lane configuration will be maintained at the driveway; therefore access to the elementary school driveway will not be affected.*

A resident asked if emergency vehicle access through the construction zones will be restricted. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the existing lane configuration will be maintained through the work area; therefore emergency vehicle access will not be restricted.*

A resident asked if the project is in or near a public supply watershed. *A representative from BL Companies stated that this will be looked in to. Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined through CT DEEP Aquifer Protection Area maps that the subject project is not located in a public supply watershed.*

A resident asked if guiderail aesthetics was accounted for in the project. *A representative from ConnDOT stated that guiderail must meet state standards for safety, and as a result, only a limited array of decorative guiderail treatments are currently approved for use. Merritt Parkway Guiderail may only be used on the Merritt Parkway and cannot be used on this project. The Department of Transportation does not approve the use of weathering steel type metal beam rail. A one-on-one meeting was suggested by a ConnDOT official to discuss additional options for metal beam rail.*

A resident asked if pedestrians will be accommodated at the proposed bridge. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the proposed bridge width will include 8-foot shoulders that should provide sufficient width for pedestrians across the bridge. The proposed bridge will not preclude the future installation of a sidewalk.*

A resident asked about the duration of the detour. *A representative from BL Companies stated that closure of Ryegate Terrace at its intersection with Route 111 will occur during Stage 2 of construction and is anticipated to last 3-6 months.*

Several residents expressed concern over the use of two proposed travel lanes in the southbound direction instead of in the northbound direction. They stated that traffic delays are much more common in the northbound direction and believed that having two lanes would alleviate the traffic delay issue. *A representative from BL Companies stated that alleviating congestion on Route 111 or improving the roadway capacity entails work that is beyond the scope of the current project. The goal of this project is to address the bridge deficiencies.*

A resident asked about providing four travel lanes across the bridge in lieu of the proposed three lane section. *A representative from ConnDOT stated that if the proposed bridge carried two full northbound lanes, the driveway to the elementary school would be located within the proposed lane drop taper to match existing conditions. The Town expressed concern that the lane drop at the driveway may create driver confusion. Therefore, it was determined that one lane in the northbound direction should be used in order to reduce driver confusion.*

A resident asked if the proposed Route 111 would be widened at the school driveway. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the northbound shoulder will be widened to allow vehicles to bypass left-turning vehicles at the driveway.*

A resident asked if the project would affect the traffic light or signal timing at the Purdy Hill intersection. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the Purdy Hill intersection is not included as part of the project.*

We believe the minutes of this meeting reasonably reflect the content and findings of the meeting. Unless notified in writing to the contrary within ten (10) days of receipt of this report, we will assume all in attendance concur with the accuracy of this transcript.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Fraysier

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_